

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

* Hello * Kia Ora * Malo e Lelei * Namaste * Cead Mile Failte * Talofa Lava *
* Kia Orana * Zdravo * Dzień Dobry * Apa Kabar * Guten Tag * An Nyung Ha Se Yo *
* Privet * Kwaziwai * Mabuhay Kayo * Kon Nichi Wa * Hola * Ola * Salaam * Fakalofa Atu

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From the principal....

Kia ora te whanau

Bullying Free New Zealand Week: Together we can prevent bullying in Aotearoa

Over the past few years New Zealand has acknowledged the ongoing problem we have with bullying in our country with 'Bullying Free New Zealand Week'. There have been a number of international comparative studies that have raised our awareness of this widespread problem in our schools. Both the *Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2014/15* and *Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2015 Wellbeing reports* show rates of bullying in New Zealand schools are high compared with many other countries.

Good Shepherd School is committed to a whole-school approach to bullying prevention and to the creation of a safe and positive learning environment. We conduct a Wellbeing Survey twice a year with all students and our Bullying Prevention and Response Procedures are available on our school website. The key to building a learning environment where everyone is welcome, safe and free from bullying is working closely with our parents and whānau. Please encourage your children to talk to their teacher or other adult at school if they are experiencing a situation, or witnessing a situation, that they cannot resolve themselves.

On another note, I would like to commend our school leaders for the initiative they are showing this term in setting up activities for other children. We have handball, netball, R.E. art, writing, rippa/touch rugby (and other possibilities) all happening on different days for children to opt into, and all run by our senior students. This week I was present at the netball skills session and felt completely redundant as Lucy, Otis, Mia and Hannah ran stations of netball skills that would do any netball coach proud! Well done all of you!

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn

General Parent Information:

Teachers' Strike Wednesday 29 May

As you will know from media reports there is going to be Teachers' Strike on Wednesday 29th May. For health and safety reasons, the Good Shepherd School Board of Trustees has decided to close the school for instruction (please look out for the official notification of the school closure tomorrow).

School Closed Friday 31 May and Monday 3 June

This is a reminder that Good Shepherd School will be closed on Friday 31 May for teachers to work on professional learning and development. This will also give families the opportunity to plan for Queen's Birthday weekend as Monday 3 June is a public holiday and all schools will be closed that day.

Sports:

Sports Events in Term 2:

Week 1 - Football Sports Taster Day Year 0-4

Tuesday 30 April

Week 4 - Eden/Albert Football Zones

Tuesday 21 May

Save day - Wednesday 29 May

We are entering one boys team and one girls team.

We still require a parent to manage and referee the

girls team. We also need help with transport. We

might otherwise have to withdraw both teams

from this event.

Week 6 - Good Shepherd School Cross Country

Thursday 6 June

Save Day - Thursday 13 June

Week 8 - Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones

Thursday 20 June

Week 9 - Gymnastics Festival at Tri-Star

Boys - Tuesday 25 June

Girls - Wednesday 26 June

With all of these events we need parent help and support for them to go ahead. If you are able to help out in anyway this term please contact Heather

McLeod on hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

You don't need to be an expert in a certain sport,

help is always available. The amount of parent

support does influence how many teams we are able

to enter in the football zones. We will need parents

who are able to referee football games.



Our running group getting off to a fantastic start this morning. For further information contact Mairead on 0293551020.

**Pink Shirt Day Tomorrow
Friday 17th May**

Please don't forget to bring a gold coin

TravelWise

Be Bright Be Seen

Last Friday we ran a "Be Bright, Be Seen" mufti day to remind drivers to watch out for those who walk, cycle or scooter to school.

We raised **\$223.70!** Thank you for all your support. The money raised will go to the Brake foundation who run our road safety campaigns and education programmes and support families bereaved and injured by road crashes.

Back to School Campaign

Our Travelwise team went out on Monday morning to remind drivers to slow down around our school and look out for our children.

What a fantastic morning we had! We had great support from drivers. We had almost all drivers tooting and waving and acknowledging our signs.

Thank you to all the drivers who remember to slow down around schools!



Good Shepherd Awards

Well done Max Butler and Addison Davenport for winning this week's Good Shepherd Awards. You set a caring and respectful example for all of us.



Student Clubs:

CHESS CLUB NEWS

The Central Auckland Primary Interschool Chess Championship

The Central Auckland Primary Interschool Chess Championships were held on Monday at Ponsonby Primary School. Mrs Pool took 4 teams from GSS to compete. Although we didn't place in the competition all teams had a wonderful day.

Thank you to all those parents who so generously gave up their time to provide transport and supervision on the day.



Upcoming Chess Tournaments

Chess Power Cluster-Tuesday 28 May

Please return your permission slips to the office or Mrs Butcher if you are interested.

Please note this day clashes with Basketball Zones so if you are in the Basketball you will not be able to take part in Chess Competition.

Chess coaching with Mr McLaren

A second series of 10 lessons starts next Friday 24 May. Look out for notice coming home this week. This is for students who have passed Level 1 or have had at least one round of coaching with Mr McLaren. This will not be suitable for beginners. Any questions please see Mrs Butcher.

Library

Book Week is coming up in Week 7.

We are excited to have author James Russell visiting us to help celebrate reading.



Support Staff

Today we celebrate our wonderful support staff as part of International Support Staff Day. Our school could not function without the vital contribution these people make to our core business of teaching and learning. Through their work in the classrooms, administration, property and out-of-school care programmes, they make an impact on the wellbeing and learning of all our children. Thank you, Lisa, Rita, Olesya, Zdenka, Janelle, Sharyn, Alex, Vanessa and Anusta for everything you do!



Walking School Bus Award

This week the walking school bus award was won by Matthew Jansen from Room 4.



Gardening Club

What an amazing first 'Friday Market' stall we had last Friday! Thank you to all who donated to the Gardening Club.

We will be selling again next Friday after assembly.

Feel free to drop any extra produce you have at home into Room 7 before Friday so we can sell it too.

The funds raised will go towards our Gardening club.

If you have any empty jars at home with lids, please could you bring them into Room 7, washed and dried.

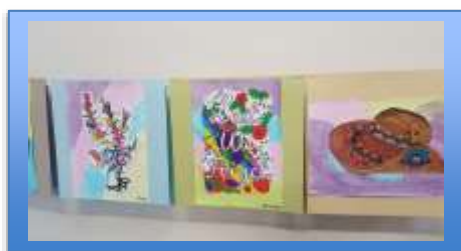
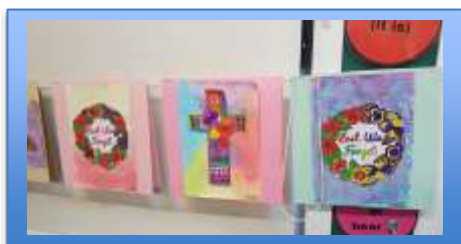
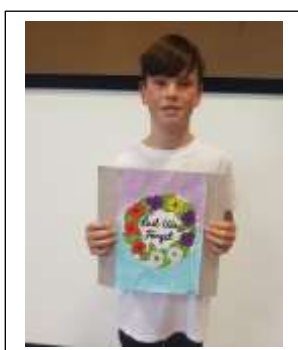
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Class Work:

Room 5's ANZAC Art!

To prepare for our assembly last week, Room 5 created some beautiful ANZAC art. We began with some ANZAC-themed mindfulness images (like poppies, wreaths, hats, coins, crosses, forget-me-nots, and bugles) which we coloured in with felts, then used dye to create a smooth blended background. We really enjoyed using our creativity and designing some beautiful pieces of work!



Art and Craft

Art Supplies

We are on the lookout for any extra 'bits and pieces' at home that we could possibly use in our mixed media art pieces (buttons, fabrics, craft paper, etc). If you have anything to spare, please bring it in and give it either to your child's class teacher or to Miss O'Neill in Room 8. Thank you!

Art of Hand Sewing Class

Fun, small, and age appropriate projects.

Basic stitches, sewing buttons, decorations.

Wednesday GSS Rm 2 at 3.10pm.

Please pick up registration form from Reception.

If you have any questions contact Olesya on 021 145 3254 or email olesianz@yahoo.co.nz



From the PTA

BACK 2 SCHOOL DANCE

SATURDAY JUNE 15
7.30PM- MIDNIGHT
AT THE SCHOOL HALL

PTA school fundraiser
TICKETS \$30

Dress code:
School uniform or Multi school dance style!

LIVE BAND, SPECIAL GUESTS, FREE BUBBLES ON ARRIVAL
AND NIBBLES, BEER AND WINE BAR (CASH & EFTPOS)
PAY INTO THE CSS PTA ACCOUNT 12-3067-0168733-00 USE CODE #750 AND REFERENCE YOUR NAME.
OR PAY VIA MYKINDO. NAMES WILL BE ON THE DOOR.

Friends & Family welcome



A massive thank you to Lisa Paniora for the cake last week and the volunteers selling the raffle tickets.
Well done to the Malia DeLacey for winning the cake!